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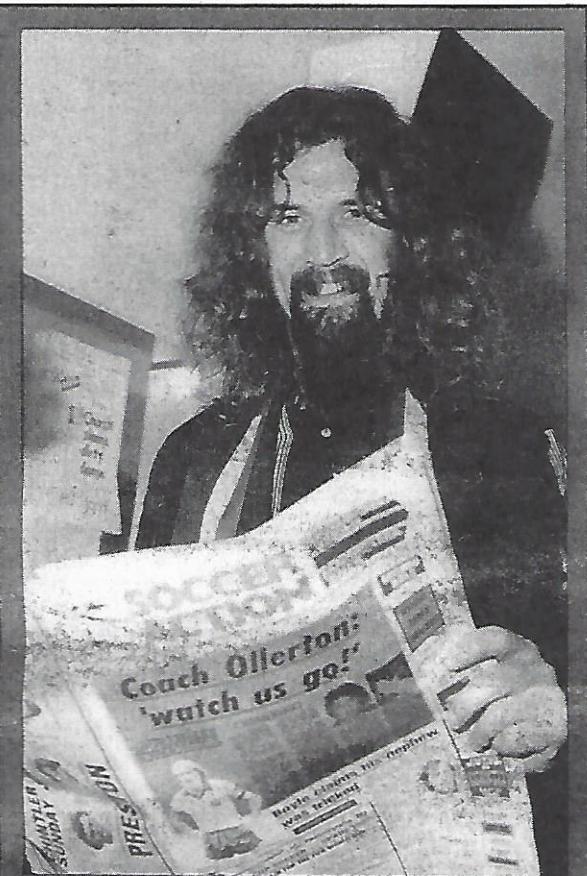
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Heidelberg first for Rene Houseman



We're tops, says Billy

"Soccer Action's" magic, says the big Vin, Billy Connolly, Scotland's major export apart from whisky and "Australian" soccer players.

He's biased, though.

Being No. 1 ticket-holder of Victorian club Albion Rovers (strangely Scottish??), he was drawn to our full-page Canon close-up picture of his favorite Melbourne team.

Connolly's one of a host of international stars on Albion's honorary membership list. They include Johnny Cash, Harry Secombe, Des O'Connor, Gerry Marsden and the Faces, Stanley Holloway and other notables, all "signed up" by Albion's lively publicity man Tony Kennedy.

The picture was taken by BERNIE WASLIN.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Rene Houseman of Argentina arrives in Australia this morning (Wednesday) and will make his debut for Sydney City Hakoah against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Houseman will be accompanied by his younger brother, Marcelo, a striker who may have to sit out the first game because coach Eddie Thomson now has an abundance of riches.

While the Housemans will add sparkle to the Philips League and inspire the as yet untapped Latin audience, they also make Sydney Hakoah firm favorite for the 1981 championship.

Hakoah demonstrated in beating Sydney Olympic 5-4 last Sunday how deadly they can be in front of goal. With the Housemans snooping around the penalty area along with John Kosmina, Murray Barnes and Ken Boden, Hakoah should boost its scoring rate even further.

Boden, however, is in doubt for Sunday's game against improving Heidelberg, which inflicted on Brisbane City its first home defeat last weekend.

Boden has Achilles tendon damage and missed the goal spree against Olympic.

The arrival of the Houseman brothers is ominous for South Melbourne Hellas, which has dropped to second place after heading the ladder for most of the season.

Hellas ended a lean period by beating Blacktown 2-1 last Sunday, but faces a difficult match against Newcastle at the International Sports Centre this week.

Life is tough at the top, as Hellas has discovered against defences steered by the challenge of thwarting the leaders. Hellas now hopes that the same will happen to Hakoah.

It would be ironical indeed if Hakoah's threat to Hellas is eased on Sunday by Hellas's arch-rival, Heidelberg. Heidelberg's young full back John Mihailidis, who has taken over from injured Jim Tansley, probably will have a few sleepless nights as he prepares for the possibility of having to match his wits with those of Rene Houseman on Sunday.

Brian Glanville, in his "History of the World Cup," pays tribute to Houseman's greatness as he recalls Argentina's 2-3 loss to Poland during the 1974 World Cup finals.

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Dennis Boland

**Stability's
the thing**

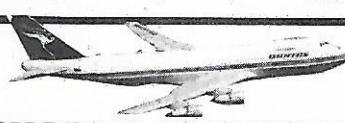
What does the press and public want from the Victorian state team?

That's the question asked by State coach Len McKendry in answer to mounting criticism of his selection for the July 3 game against Italian outfit Cagliero.

McKendry's squad has been criticised for not including Seabrook stopper Steve Blair, Footscray JUST keeper Dennis Boland, Hellas strikers Alan Evans and Steve Woodin and other top players.

"Rudi Gutendorf was criticised for the instability of his World Cup squad, now I'm being criticised for the stability of my squad," said McKendry.

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YOUNG 'ROOS TAKE TO LES

By LES SHORROCK who was on the New Caledonia tour

The Australian national youth team, playing for the first time under coach Les Scheinflug, took another step along the road to the world youth championship in October when it visited New Caledonia, to play the French colony's senior team.

The trip was done on the cheap and was accepted only because the New Caledonians paid the air fares and accommodation costs for the party of 22.

It originally had been planned that the youth team should take part in the prestigious Mexico Six-Nation Tournament, but this was scrapped by the A.S.F.'s "Razor Gang" as the full enormity of the cost of the Outdorff regime began to sink in and the A.S.F. refused to budge when the Mexican F.A. offered free accommodation, and Coca-Cola weighed in with an offer to meet half the cost of the air fares, a contribution of some \$12,000.

But the A.S.F. refused to spend another \$12,000 on Australia's older future, and A.S.F. Marketing was too busy in other areas to bother to try to find a sponsor, so it was New Caledonia or nothing, or should that read, for nothing.

Originally, it was planned to take 17 players and five officials but when

championship director Brian Emery found he was too busy to go, it was decided to take 18 players.

The squad was: Glen Ahearn, Brett Woods, Gary Gomez, Jim Patikas and Grant Lee, all of Sydney City, Dennis Colusso and Ian Hunter of Marconi, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas, of Sydney Olympic,

David Skeen of St George, Rob Wheatley, Blacktown; Steve Blair, South Melbourne; John Little, Preston, Paul Kay, Wollongong, David Mitchell, Adelaide City, Ian McKie, West Adelaide, Brett Beeves, Swansea-Belmont, and Oscar Crino, Institute of Sport, Canberra.

The party was led by A.S.F. Treasurer Tom Grimson and the other officials were: Les Scheinflug, Doctor Keith Pearson of Brisbane and Leichhardt masseur Spencer Thorpe.

All the games were played at Noumea's Magenta Stadium, which is very modern, with two big stands, one covered and the other open, which can accommodate about 30,000 and has a pitch as rough as a ploughed field.

Compared with the squad that toured Israel at Christmas this team looked infinitely more composed and showed much more striking potential. This was due in some measure of course to the return of Ian Hunter, who missed Israel after breaking his leg in Fiji.

His running and leadership abilities were sorely missed in Israel.

Dennis Ivanac, Calvin Daunt, Vlatko Belic, David Watt and Tony Radford, who toured Israel, were left out of this squad and in their place we sent Beeves, Colusso and Hunter.

But the biggest difference between the two tours was in the coaching.

Les Scheinflug quickly developed a rapport with this squad, most of whom he was meeting for the first time, and



The young Socceroos in Noumea, from left: Brett Woods, Dave Skeen, Rob Wheatley, Jim Patikas, John Little, Paul Kay, Glen Ahearn, Dave Mitchell, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

the boys responded to him and his ideas enthusiastically.

After the last game he summed up the tour to be by saying, "I was very impressed by my players' work rate and aggression under difficulties. Their finishing disappointed me a little, but against that it must be said that the pitch was extremely rough ground that we played on didn't lend itself to accurate passing or close ball control and on occasions I feel Hunter, Koussas, Mitchell and Little were thwarted by a bad bounce when they were in scoring positions.

"This squad has a lot of potential, and it shows how we are building for the future when you consider that Jim Patikas will soon be eligible for the next World Youth Championship in 1983."

1st Game, Thursday June 25, K.O. 8 p.m.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Little 6th & 51st) NEW CALEDONIA 1 (Coulon 67th)

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7, Wheatley 6, Skeen 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Kay 5, Raskopoulos 5, Little 8, Patikas 7, Mitchell 8 (captain). GOMEZ, TAUVERGE, TAUVERGE 4 (Homou 6 28th), DIAKHO 7, KENON 2, DEMENE 6 (Wacapo 6 75th), DRUDI 7, KOINDREDI 6 (capt.), WAMEI 8, WEBELO 8, KONON 5 (Bourne 5 H.T.), GOWE 6, COULON 6.

Referee: M. Reginald Sortino. Crowd about 2000

The Australians, having trained on the main Stadium in the morning, when they practised set-pieces and defensive patterns, had learned how hard and bumpy the ground was, but what they were not prepared for was the slickness of the ball after the day-long drizzle.

Ball control was extremely difficult, and accurate passing nearly impossible.

Nevertheless they adapted themselves well, and after a tentative start, soon got on top.

They were given a wonderful start to, by John Little who snapped up a loose ball some 25 yards from in front of goal and unleashed a left-foot "rocket" that poor Tauverge never saw coming six miles away. It was all over for the locals after that, with David Mitchell giving the defenders a torrid time.

The New Caledonians played a rigid-man-to-man defence, with a lot of body-checking, the occasional kick and the odd punch and were aided considerably by some of the most blatantly one-sided refereeing it was possible to imagine.

Most Australian attacks were halted by the off-side flag, irrespective of where the player was when the ball was last played, the New Caledonians were awarded

free-kicks in the ratio of about five to Australia's one, and when the Aussies did get a free, the locals either kicked the ball away or refused to retreat ten yards, all without rebuke.

Mitchell did succeed in getting the ball in the net, but the goal was disallowed for handball or offside or both.

The goalkeeper, who was extremely tall, seemed unable to cope with the threat of Mitchell, and being very tall, tended to kick the ball instead of going down to save, with the inevitable result that he tangled once too often with the tall striker, went off with a twisted knee, Horou, who replaced him, was more capable.

After one fiery set-to between Blair and Matthieu Coulon, Blair ended up being booked while his team-mate and Thorpe was involved in another melee when he went on to assist Raskopoulos, who was lying groggy in the centre of the ground. Two local players went to drag Raskopoulos off the ground and Thorpe resisted them, whereupon the referee joined too!

At half-time Scheinflug lectured his players long and hard about the need for being brought into a box, and urged them to go on playback football and the result would come.

New Caledonia, in a rare attack, hit the post, but Australia got back on top again and in the sixth minute, Mitchell strode past his marker, only to be ruthlessly foiled two yards inside the box.

To the Aussies' amazement, the venal Sortino, without a single hair, awarded them a free-kick 10 yards from where the offence committed, but justice was done when Little hammered another left-foot special past Homou to put them two goals up.

Although New Caledonia scored a good goal when flying winger Valentin Coulon for once got the better of Woods and played a good one-two with Alfred Wabele before shooting past Ahearn, the Aussies kept the ball and ran out good winners.

In fact in the dying seconds Jim Patikas picked up a ball deep in his own half and carried it 40 yards before putting Mitchell away and the striker was only foiled by a crash tackle by goalkeeper Homou.

The Australians learnt a few lessons from this game, if only what it is like to play in a strange environment against unscrupulous opponents and under extremely lax refereeing.

They also found that it paid to be first to the ball, because



Coach Les Scheinflug with some of his charges, from left: Brett Woods, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas and John Little.

the extremely nippy New Caledonians are very fast on the ball and almost impossible to catch if they get away. Also, for all that they were without any scruples when it came to stopping an opponent.

Several of them were also very good players, particularly sweeper Francis Kenon, winger Joseph Wamai and Alfred Wabele, all of whom had been recalled from Tahiti for the series, which was being used by the New Caledonians as a warm-up for the big Bastille Day Tournament on Honiara.

There was an unfortunate aftermath, however, as far as the Aussies were concerned. The effect of the match-long rain on the lime pitch-markings gave David Mitchell, Steve Blair and Glen Ahearn burns to the legs and thighs, which were quite severe, the case of Mitchell.

He and Blair hobbed around during Friday and Saturday, but by Sunday morning Blair was recovered sufficiently to play, but Mitchell was ruled out.

To add to Scheinflug's problems, Ahearn suffered a knee injury on Saturday morning that also ruled him out and then Ian McKie stepped into a hole on that now-notorious pitch and twisted his ankle so badly that he was put out of action for the rest of the trip.

Scheinflug is making arrangements for his players that they would all get a game, and as far as possible, would play 90 minutes, but now he had to play Brett Beeves of Swansea Belmont in goal and Mark Koussas in Mitchell's place as well as replacing Kay, Patikas and Skeen with Colusso, Lee and Crino respectively.

The Australian camp had protested about the referee's handling of the game and there was a visible air of relief when it was learned that a very well-respected French FIFA referee would be in charge of the next game.

2nd game, Sunday June 28, K.O. 3pm.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Crino 46th, Colusso 73rd) NEW CALEDONIA 2 (Gove 48th & 60th)

AUSTRALIA: Beeves 6, Wheatley 6, Crino 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Raskopoulos 5, Colusso 6, Little 8, Patikas 7, Coulon 6, DIAKHO 7, SELEFOU 6, BEAURUE 5, KENON 8, KOINDREDI 6 (capt.), WAMAI 8, WEBELO 8, KONON 5 (sub. 67), TAUVERGE 5 (Gove 67), COULON 6.

Referee: M. Robert Wurtz 9, crowd about 3000.

Scheinflug confessed after the game that he had the jitters at the prospect of the untried Beeves playing his first International before the brilliant but unpredictable Oscar Crino, who has been known to cause coaches the odd panic when or two in the sweeper role.

But the Australians dominated the first half to such an extent that Beeves was untroubled and found his duties



John Little indicates he has scored two goals.

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Attack, score and excite

If there were 11 Greeks as good as some of the Greek lads in Sydney Olympic's side new Olympic supremo Doug Collins would have an all-Greek outfit.

That was his answer to our question about any problems or pressures he may have encountered from the top of the Olympic tree to play Greek boys.

"I answer only to club president John Constantine," said Collins.

"I remember Tommy Docherty saying that he'd play 11 Chinamen if they could do the job. My sentiments exactly. The Greeks in Olympic's line-up are excellent players. It's as simple as that."

Collins came here at the Doc's request in February this year. He stayed with Docherty and helped the former Olympic manager-coach. He liked what he saw. Now the Doc has returned to the hustle and bustle of the English soccer scene and Collins is with Olympic for the next two months. Then the club and Collins will discuss the future.

When Olympic reviews its coaching situation the well-qualified Collins is a prime candidate for a more permanent post.

He had 20 years as a professional player in all four divisions of England's Football League.

Eight of his 10 years with Burnley were spent in First Division. He points to Burnley's Second Division championship win in 1973, the club's semi-final berth in the 1974 F.A. Cup and his Player of the Year award at Burnley in 1975 as the three highlights of his extensive playing career.

His playing days finished in America in the NASL with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Collins met Jimmy Redfern at Tulsa. Now 27, Redfern, a right winger, is one of the men Collins hopes to sign.

"Redfern played with Bolton Wanderers in the English First Division and he's quick and tricky. Just the sort of exciting player I'm looking for," said Collins.

And it's excitement that Collins hopes to bring to the thousands of Greek fans on the terraces.

"I've taken over a side with an attacking flair instilled by Tommy Docherty. That's just the way I like to play the game."

"Soccer in England is on the decline. Too many coaches are scared of losing their jobs. Consequently sides go out looking for a point and are happy if they get one. But people want to see goals. That's the name of the game."

"I've heard a lot about Olympic missing chances. I'll have to see about that myself. If it's the case that we're

creating but not sticking the ball in the back of the net then that will be remedied.

"I'm a thinker, I don't think anyone's better than me tactically."

"I've got charge of the most exciting side in Australia and that's the way it will stay."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

THE REFEREE RARELY WINS

Victorian referee David Yelland has not forgotten the bashing he received in Melbourne two years ago.

That is the opinion of FIFA referee, Peter Rampley.

He made this statement in answer to a question of mine about whether referees had form slumps just as players do.

Rambley says yes, they do. He says a row with your wife or problems at work can affect your form on the day of a game.

However, a bashing like Yelland received after a game in Melbourne a couple of seasons ago could have a more lasting effect.

Rambley says he too was bashed several years ago in a game between Western Suburbs and Pan Hellenic in Sydney.

It was a natural tendency for a while after that to want to avoid controversial decisions or make unpopular rulings.

There was an interesting insight into the psyche of



Mike Johnson

members of one of the world's most abused professions.

The referee rarely wins.

Invariably spectators, officials and players of the losing team will question his judgement, his ability and even his ancestry.

He goes into each game with this knowledge, along with the vague fear, which he pushes to the back of his mind, that assault and battery from enraged supporters could add physical injury to mental insult.

By way of compensation the Phillips League gives the man in black and Dunlop shoes a cheque for \$100 after each game.

If he ran the line in an early game he would receive another \$40.

In NSW State League the pay is \$50 to run the first grade game, with another \$18 if you ran a line earlier.

He'll usually take a minimum six years to make it through the ranks into Federation and he will be 30 or more before he makes it to the Phillips League.

There are no Phillips League referees under 30.

Two of the best, Rampley and Tony Boskovic, are in their late 40's and will have to retire in a couple of years.

No referee can continue beyond 50.

Coaches, players and referees — in that order or priority, determine the entertainment value of a game of Soccer.

I believe a referee can put the shackles on players just as effectively as any cautious, leftist coach.

While players and coaches need to be reminded that professional soccer is an entertainment industry, so do referees.

Nothing stifles a game more than an over-fussy referee with a whistle that never stops shrilling.

Nothing dampens the fire of a top game, or defuses the atmosphere building up in a soccer stadium than a referee without the confidence to let a game flow.

The following are some habits I would like to see referees adopt to encourage the full flow of a game:

- Fouls involving bodies pushing and bumping in midfield, without any danger to any parties should be overlooked as much as possible so as to allow the game to flow.

- Referees need to develop a wider range of vision so that they can refrain from blowing, say for offside, when the ball is obviously going into the hands of an unencumbered goalkeeper.

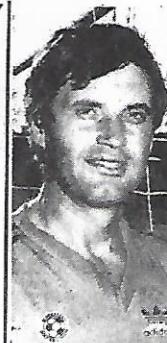
- Referees should develop skillful use of the advantage law.

- This law was given to referees precisely to help them keep the game flowing.

- Stop over-diligence when ordering players to take free kicks in midfield at the exact spot of the offence. This drastically holds up the game and usually robs the recipient of any advantage.

The main attraction of soccer over other games such as Rugby League, baseball or gridiron is the momentum which can be built up.

Skillful players, aided by a skillful referee, can keep the game flowing virtually non-stop for 10-20 minutes on end as we saw in the FA Cup final between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City.



RALE RASIC

Unpredictable and dynamic, that's Charlie

Charlie Villani of Adelaide City is fast being recognised as one of the leading footballers in Australia, even though he's only 18.

He is a little dynamo, he is so well composed for a player of his youth, his technique is faultless, his reading of the game is excellent and he's a spot-on finisher.

He's also the most unpredictable player in the country. No-one can sum him up. No-one can anticipate what he will do, because he's so brilliant.

I first saw him when he was 16, playing for Adelaide City's second team against Azzurri in the South Australian Ampol Cup

In the dressing room afterwards, I said to him: "You will be an international in a maximum of two years if you work hard and listen to advice."



Charlie Villani

longing for their continuing good form in the PSL.

At three play a rugged, tough, direct style of football which, regardless of what some critics say, make them capable of defeating any team in the league.

Meanwhile, as I predicted at the start of the season, Marconi and Heidelberg are feeling the effects of the demanding international commitments of their players.

Heidelberg and Marconi were top teams last year. This year they're only a shadow of what they were.

Egan the target for talent scouts

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Charlie Egan headed the Victorian State League goalscorers' list from the day he played his first match for Frankston City in the first round of the season.

Now he is the target of talent scouts galore.

Essendon Croatia and Preston Macedonia made unsuccessful bids to sign him and a representative of a Sydney PSL club is said to have flown to Melbourne to watch him play four weeks ago.

"I'd like to give the big league a go to see if it's as good as people say it is," he says.

"But I undervalued myself when I signed with Frankston. I won't make that mistake again."

What makes Egan such a deadly goalscorer? According to his former Frankston teammate Danny McCluskey, now with Macedonia, Egan is too sharp and too fast for most defenders to handle. He's quick on the turn and dynamite around the box, McCluskey says.

When Charlie Egan was unemployed in his first year at Frankston he would sleep until about noon, get up and head for the local pub. The poolroom and the betting shop were next on the visiting list.

But Egan doesn't drink or smoke. He just loves the "killing time".

So it wasn't hard for him to make up his mind to come to Australia when given the chance.

"I'd hear guys in the pub saying that they could have gone to Australia about 10 years ago," said Egan.

"I said to myself that I could be saying the same thing in 10 years time."

"I had no real prospects job wise so when John Pryde approached me through Pat McCluskey I decided to come over."

The part-time nature of Australian soccer hasn't stopped Egan from turning 21 year old.

He's played with Dumbarton and Berwick Rangers as a part-timer.

Egan came within inches of really making it "back home".

Scottish soccer is structured on a three-tier basis starting at juvenile level, moving up to junior and peaking at league level.

While with Kilsyth St Pat's, Egan was selected for the Stirlingshire regional team to contest a European tournament in Holland.

The Stirlingshire lads won through to

England 3-0. Egan scored the last goal in that triumph.

His return to his homeland was crowned by his selection in the Scottish juvenile side which lost 3-1 to the Scottish schoolboys, Glasgow Rangers, yesterday. John McDonald played for the schoolboys.

Egan signed for Campsie Black Watch, one of the finest juvenile sides in Scotland. League and cup success followed but with little left to be achieved with Campsie he joined Rob Roy Juniors.

After playing most of the season he was approached to spend a week with leading English club Aston Villa.

"I trained under the various Villa coaches at a complex in the countryside. It was a magnificent complex with a gymnasium, saunas, restaurant, five-a-side pitches and six playing fields," he says.

"I was due to play for Villa reserves against Bristol Flyers but the pitch was waterlogged so I returned after my week without playing a trial game."

"Glasgow Celtic and Berwick Rangers approached me."

Celtic had approached me before, when I was with Kilsyth St Pat's. I was asked to go to Celtic Park for a month so I gave up my job to concentrate on the game.

"It was near the end of the Scottish season and there were two games left against Hibs and St Mirren, one game on a Saturday, the other the following Wednesday."

"But St Pat's had a Cup game on the Saturday and I was bound to play for them. That Cup match was drawn and the replay was on the Wednesday so I missed out on playing for the Celtic reserves."

"Sean Fallon was the boss at Celtic then. He'd taken over from Jock Stein who had been badly injured in a car crash."

"Fallon was sacked and Billy McNeil

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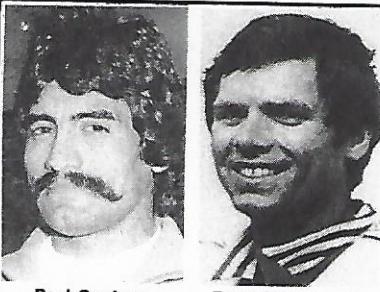
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By LAURIE SCHWAB

Doug Utjesenovic brought to his first coaching job with Avala certain standards and ideals which had served him well during those glorious years with St. George, J.U.S.T. and the Soccerroos.

He believes quite simply that to play, you must train, and train hard. He believes that a player must have self-discipline and must have the character to accept discipline. He believes coaching should be left with the coach, not with the committee.

It was because the committee told him he had to put Raul Carrizzo and Branko Karanfilovski into the team, that Utjesenovic quit Avala last week.

He had been with the club for only eight weeks. During that time it lost six matches in the NSW State League, drew one and won only one, but Utjesenovic remained adamant that improvement was being shown; he was startling to get the results for which he had been working.

All ended last weekend and there was talk that Kar Kulak the man Utjesenovic had replaced as coach, was to return to Avala.

But Utjesenovic wants to stay in coaching. He enjoys it and if the right job became available, he would like it.

Meanwhile, he plays when he has time with Liverpool City in the sister division. His former St. George and Soccerroos team mate Ottie Abonyi, coach of Riverwood, plays there too sometimes.

"It may be only a little club, but the attitude at Liverpool City is 10 times more professional than at Avala," he says angrily as he recalls the sequence of events that led to Avala and Utjesenovic parting company.

"The night I took over eight weeks ago, we went for a 20 minute run when I was going to play the senior side against the others," he says.

"I said to Carrizzo he should play left wing for the senior side but he said no, he was a left midfielder. I said OK, but please, would you play left wing in this practice game. He said again he was a left midfielder, so I let him play left midfield in the second-string team."

"He went home."

"I suggested to the committee he could be fined, but half the committee told Carrizzo to come back. I said he would take him back, but he would have to come to me and talk about it. He did come to a few trainings, but he never talked to me about that first night."

"With Karanfilovski, it was a case of missing training all the time."

"He wasn't fit."

"One night, when we had no lights because of power restrictions, we did 45 minutes of training and he could not handle it. He started to vomit."

"There was always talk behind my back about the two players. Many committee members wanted them back in the team."

"I said that if Carrizzo and Karanfilovski could win the game for us, they would be in. Sure! It would help everyone. But they had to prove first that they were fit. I wanted to see them in the second grade first, but the president said they should go straight into the first grade."

"That's when I quit."

Avala has some talented players like Warren Turnbull, Greg Fairclough and captain Peter Ahrens, but according to Utjesenovic, the team was unfit when he joined, even after the Ampol Cup campaign and the first 11 league games.

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Wallace, Raithrose in '75

By PAUL MOON

During his 11 years in Scottish League soccer, Ajax's recent signing Gordon Wallace gained respect as an honest and reliable performer — one of the unsung majority who form the backbone of the professional game.

Wallace signed for Raith Rovers from junior club Penianik Athletic of the East Scotland League in 1970. During eight seasons with the Kirkcaldy club he was leading goalscorer four times.

The highlight of his career with Raith was the 1975-76 season which ended with Raith gaining promotion to the First Division.

Dundee United, though, offered the opportunity of Premier Division football, and it was there that Wallace moved in October 1977.

Unfortunately he was unable to establish himself in a powerful United side, making only 14 appearances for the "Terrors," six of them as substitute.

However he did have the honor of playing against the big three of Oldhamian soccer — Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen.

In December 1978 Berwick Rangers enticed him back to the First Division. He was unable to settle at Berwick and had a short period at Cambuslang before deciding his future lay in Australia.

Wallace scored 78 goals in 253 Scottish League games. With Gus McLeod and Wallace in his line-up, Ajax has potentially the most explosive striking partnership outside the PSL.

Unlike his compatriot Tommy Docherty, Wallace is unlikely to complain about the size of Australian attendances, for Wallace's last Scottish club Cowdenbeath rarely attracted more than 1,000 fans.

Dave Fordham — he fought paralysis on way to the top

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Not even three months of paralysis could quell the enthusiasm of David Fordham, Channel O's World of Soccer compere and NBN 3's man for all sporting seasons.

Fordham was struck by the Guillain-Barré syndrome in 1978.

It is caused by a mystery virus which affects the central nervous system. Fordham played golf on Wednesday. By Friday he was totally paralysed.

"The whole thing lasted three months," said Fordham.

"When your whole future is in doubt and you recover you come out of it with a really good outlook on life."

That period in Fordham's life was particularly active and successful for sportsman. Fordham was a Rugby League fanatic in his young days, representing the NSW country area before a severe shoulder injury ended his career. He also opened the batting for Newcastle City's first grade cricket side. He still does.

Fordham is a Newcastle lad. He attended the local Marist Brothers' College.

The change in the sporting priority of the Marist Brothers' College is indicative of the upsurge in soccer in the Newcastle area. In no small way people like Fordham played their part.

He admits to being totally converted to soccer. He became the chairman of KB United's promotions committee. KB had gained entry into the PSL in 1978 and the promotions committee had to win over a Rugby conscious city.

The committee comprised representatives of the local Press, radio and television station NBN 3. Fordham was and is the sports editor of NBN 3. KB manager-coach Alan Vast and the club's directors also were on the committee.

"We had to market KB to the people. And we had to market the PSL too," said Fordham.

"Our efforts were rewarded with a crowd of more than 15,000 for KB's home game against Marconi."

"Australian soccer needs the promotion of identities and that's what we achieved. Graham Heys or Roy Drinkwater can walk down the street and be recognised. KB had been put on the soccer map."

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TOM ANDERSON

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have to be an eternal optimist, hoping one day that common sense will prevail and the game will fulfil its true potential.

I mean to say, just what has or is going to be done about getting this game of ours back on the rails after all the recent troubles?

I'm not joking when I say that at the present time many of our administrators are trying to make believe that everything in the garden is rosy — when the game's falling apart at the seams.

We have courses for coaches to teach them how to coach — why not courses for officials to teach them how to officiate?

For believe me, there is more need for such a course than the other two!

The simple reason being, that there is a majority of people in office at club, national and state level, who do not know the first thing about administrating professional soccer.

Some of these gentlemen are strictly amateurs in what — by the amount of money that is spent — is a professional sport.

And until this fault is rectified the game of soccer in Australia never will progress.

Maybe we writers take ourselves too seriously when it comes to talking and writing about soccer I just don't know.

But believe me, to be in the media and connected with soccer here in Australia, you

are strictly amateurs in what — by the amount of money that is spent — is a professional sport.

If they can't do this then they should move over and make room for people who can.

And again I state, that this malady is prevalent at club, state and national level.

The mortality rate of coaches in Australian soccer is sky high and always has been since I can remember.

Probably the main reason for this is not the coach's ability or lack of it, but adminis-

trators treating coaches only as whipping boys.

When a team is winning the administrators really think that it is by their doing, yet when a team loses it's always the poor coach's fault.

Also this terrible habit of club, state and national administrators going to players and asking their advice on coaches, is something that has got to be stamped out immediately.

If it isn't, then no coach in Australia — no matter who he is, has a real chance to succeed.

The player-committee combine will always get him in the end!

All this, plus the jealousy in the game, and believe me it's riddled with it, makes it a sad code indeed, at the present time.

There are too many people who think they are big fish in a little pool and are afraid if the pool gets bigger they will become little fishes.

If the situation wasn't so bad, it would be laughable.

Ah well, there's always next year ... and next year ... and next year ... and next year!!

FOOTNOTE: Did you hear about the Irish soccer administrator who had a feed of candles? He wanted a light refreshment!

An announcement at an Australian soccer match (name of the club withheld) to save embarrassment! — "For the benefit of the players, here are the names of the spectators!"

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Houseman toast of 1974 World Cup

From page one

"In the second half Argentina took off Brindisi, ill at ease as a striker, and introduced a player who at once transformed them and who was to become one of the toasts of the tournament: Rene Houseman, a tiny winger, brave, serpentine and fast, socks worn scornfully round his ankles. Heredia scored after 55 minutes but when Carnevali's carelessness threw straight to Lato, who tore through to score that was clearly that, though Babington did score after hitting the post of an open goal."

Glanville continues: "Next on the same ground, Argentina and Italy: a match that was a nightmare and a humiliation for the Italians in everything but the score. Quite what possessed Valcareggi, the Italian manager, to assume that Houseman, of all people, was going to play in midfield, and to set his own creative inside-forward Fabio Capello, to mark him, heaven knows."

"At all events Capello turned by this error into a full-back, was run ragged by Houseman, who scored a lovely goal from a pass

by Babington, who bestrode the field, calmly impeccable. Too late Valcareggi understood what was happening, pushed Capello upfield and set the ruthless Benetti to mark Houseman, who ran him ragged as well, uniminated by his brutal tackling. Alas for Argentina, moral victory on the day, Italy equalised when Perfumo turned Benetti's cross past his own goalkeeper, but it had been inspiring to Argentina; in both matches, throw off the over-compensatory chains of defensive football and play as they can and should."

In the 1974 World Cup finals, won by Argentina, Houseman played against France (2-1), Hungary (2-1), Italy (0-1) as a substitute, Poland (2-0), Peru (6-0) as a sub, and in the final against Holland (3-1) as a sub.

The Houseman brothers have joined Hakoah initially until the end of the season but have agreed to sign contracts for two years.

Rene, 28, played for River Plate and Huracan. Marcelo, 20, played for FAS.

Barnes, Patikas puzzle Olympic

Syd. C. Hakoah 5 Syd. Olympic 4

Scorers: — City Barnes 31st, 35th & 65th, Cant 14th, Souness 21st, Olympic: Koussas 36th & 90th, Raskopoulos 66th, Jennings 7th.

Venue: — Sydney Athletic Field, Conditions — good.

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Attendance: 6892.

SYDNEY: — Clarke J., Muller S., Spanos N., O'Connor T., Bruce J., Williams G., Campbell R., Robertson 26th, Barnes 8, Cant 8, Souness 9, Koussas 7, Patikas 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: — Meter Z., Mihalidis G., Vassilis 6, Rowden 2, Palmer A., Katsikatos R., Raskopoulos 7, Leung 7, Scott 6, Koussas 8, Jennings 8.

Goals are what football is all about so the paying customers had nothing to complain about in this thrilling affair.

There were nine goals in a game

packed with action, excitement, thrills and spills.

This was soccer entertainment at its best and the kind of stuff that will have the fans queuing up for more. Certainly it was not the soccer purists dream, but who the hell cares?

A thrilling 5-4 result is a much better than a draw, and scores a scoreless draw any day of the week.

In this memorable clash both teams threw caution to the wind and threw everything into attack.

This meant that at times they left themselves open at the back.

But the attitude of positive attacking football was as if a breath of fresh air had blown into the Sydney Athletic Field, especially after the dreary midweek game when the Slackers downed Wollongong 1-0.

The Slackers realised that Olympic is a team fully committed to attacking football and they threw down the gauntlet from the opening whistle.

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Slackers coach Eddie Thomson pulled off a fast one when he continually switched Murray Barnes and Jim Patikas from the left midfield position to the left striking position. The combination of the two of the pair had Olympic defender Danny Moullis in a quandary.

The result was that Barnes notched a hat-trick and Patikas also had a goal.

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MATCH RATING 9

"They certainly look very good coming forward but there were a few gaps in defence which we will have to work on."

Slackers coach Eddie Thomson was not all that happy with his defence either.

He does hope that these two coaches do not curb the flamboyant attitude of their players too much.

For believe me, it was refreshing to see them play the game such as they were should be more of it and if there were, attendances would certainly increase.

Kouis for West

Greek international striker Kouis has signed to play six guest matches for West Adelaide Hellos.

The New Caledonians played well in defence too, with Francis Kenon at sweeper, positively brilliant.

But there was a sensation at the 25th minute of the half, when a shot from an Australian attack had been cleared, it was seen that Blainie, some 40 yards behind the play, had been kicked and felled, and referee Kecine, despite his previous shortcomings, promptly and bravely sent off the offender, Francis' brother, Mathieu Kenon, the striker (in more ways than one).

That wasn't the end of Blainie's problems either. Another forward, in a get-even mood, hit him with a peach of a punch right in the mouth after a leading match.

After that it seemed inevitable that Australia would win against 10 men, and when the goal came, it was fitting that Little should have a big hand in it.

Francis Kenon tried once to often to dribble his way out of a tight corner, and was confronted by Little, who got the upper hand, neatly rounded Kenon and crossed to Colusso, who coolly chested the ball down and with defenders coming at him from all sides, slammed the ball into the roof of the net.

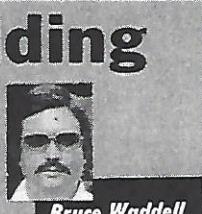
Kouis, who is an attacking midfielder or striker, topped the Greek First Division scoring charts this year with 18 goals for his club, Arts of Salomon. His overall league and Cup tally was 28 goals.

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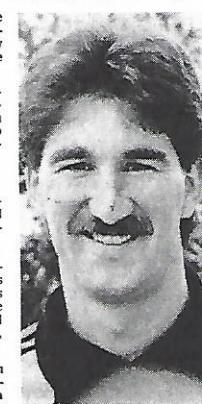
Miranda signs

Preston-Makedonia last week signed Richard Miranda, a 19-year-old midfielder from South Africa.

Miranda played for Wits University and Jamesonians, being signed by English club Charlton Athletic last year but the club was unable to get a work permit for him, so he returned to South Africa before coming to Australia to visit his brother. Miranda joins Makedonia's other recent recruits, Peter Boyle, Isaac Farrell, Danny McCluskey and Richard Wilson.



MATCH RATING 6



Richard Wilson

\$7500 BID FOR BULJEVIC

To secure a guest player from Yugoslavia, Ilija Buljevic, due three

weeks ago, changed his mind at the last minute.

'New' Dunleavy

Wollongong 0 Newcastle 0

Venue: Wollongong Showground

Crowd: 2100

Referee: Ken Small 6

WOLLONGONG: Verdareff 8, Fleming 6, Bertogno 9, de Graaf 7, Ainsworth 6 — Adam 7, Dunleavy 3, P. Tredinnick 8 — Campbell 7, Fontana 8, Letham 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Reaney 8, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 7, H. Tredinnick 7 — Senkalski 6, Summer 7, Mason 7 — Heys 6, Mountford 6, Jones 6.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton used star centre back Chris Dunleavy in a new central midfield role to mark Newcastle's International Stevie Summer.

Not only did he shadow Summer, but he also pushed up into the box as an alternative target man when he had the chance. Dunleavy and centre back Alan Bertogno were the finest players in a very pleasing Wollongong performance which, however, failed to produce goals.

The threat of scoring was always there, though.

Morton's pre-match plan was to have a Letham operating slightly behind front-runners Clive Campbell and Glen Fontana to drag Paul Reaney inside and create a gap for Peter Tredinnick.

It worked well, and when



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING: 8

on him, creating space for Jeff Ainsworth out wider.

To Newcastle's credit, it defended well and broke forward whenever it had the opportunity, but Fleming and Bertogno repelled most of the advances.

It was a disallowed goal 12 minutes from the end that cost Wollongong a win.

Fontana sent in a good cross to Campbell who headed the ball home.

But referee Ken Small disallowed the goal, ruling Fontana had taken the ball across the goal line before he crossed it.

Ex-Newcastle player, Peter Tredinnick, played well against his old club and had a spirited clash with his brother Howard on the Newcastle bench.

The best player for Newcastle was Paule Reaney who defence was superb and who

Bergers avenge 7-0 hiding

Brisbane City 1 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: P. Wilkinson 77th;
Heidelberg 7th, Campbell 30th.
Ground — Spencer Park.

Weather: Fine and Windy.

Crowd: abt 2000.

Referee: D. Huguen 2.

Brisbane CITY: — Cox 6,
Calderwood 6, Retcliffe 7, Dunn 6, W.
Wilkinson 7, Vincenzini 5 (Penalty).

HEIDELBERG: — Oliver 6,
McMillan 7, Proven 7, Yeomans 9,
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J.U.S.T. FANTASTIC!

Adel. C. Juventus

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Footscray JUST 3

Scorers: J. Nyskohus 59th (Ad. City); Ilioski 15th, Cozzella 82nd and 84th.

Cautions: Jovanovic, O'Reilly (Footscray); Northcote (Adelaide City).

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: 3,200

Weather: Cool

Referee: Don Campbell 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski 7 — Russell 6, Jones 7, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 8 — Meita 8, Villani 7, Marocchi 6 — Northcote 7 (Rankin), Mitchell 6, J. Nyskohus 6.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9 — Hazebert 7, Kondoros 8, O'Reilly 7, Kakantoni 7 — Belic 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Ilioski 8 — Lujic 8, Verweij 7, Cozzella 8.

Adelaide City's defence looked vulnerable for the first time in weeks while the midfield and attack lacked its usual rhythm.

City picked the wrong match to have an off day because Footscray J.U.S.T. played with great determination and skill.

However it can thank goal-keeper Dennis Boland for shutting down the City.

He made four great saves and that does not include his second-minute penalty kick save from John Nyskohus.

It was the second penalty in three matches Nyskohus had missed.

The penalty was awarded when Charlie Villani was chopped down just inside the box.

J.U.S.T. swamped City's defence after this and Vlatko Belic easily could have scored twice but for some sloppy finishing.

However, J.U.S.T. eventually took the lead in the 15th minute when Zoran Ilioski cracked a superb 25-metre drive into the far corner.



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING

8



What a tackle! Steve Blair is horizontal as he foils Blacktown's Ricci Hormazabal.

SM HELLAS 2
BLACKTOWN 1

Goals: Hormazabal og 62nd, Bannon 70th, Jones 79th.

Venue: Middle Park.

Crowd: 4000 (estimated)

Referee: D. Yelland 5.

Cautions: Evans, Rogers, Jones.

HELLAS: Laumets 6, Bannister 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 6, Davidson 7, Rogers 6, Stevenson 6, Christopoulos 7, Woodfin 6, Evans 7, Campbell 6 (Buljevic 59th).

BLACKTOWN: James 5;

Selvage 8, Rasmussen 8, Pointer 7, Milovanovic 7; Djordjevic 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6; Turner 7, Burrows 6 (Wheatley 69th), Jones 6.

South Melbourne Hellas is back in the hunt for the PSL title but it can hardly draw confidence from Sunday's slender win at Middle Park.

And now Hellas has to contend with the loss of George Christopoulos who announced after the match he will be going to Greece to trial with a First Division club later this month.

Blacktown brought back Mike Milovanovic after suspension and Peter Jones took over from Branko Culina in the forward line.

The club's import from Germany, Branislav Kristic, was listed on the team sheet but was not in the starting line up. His place was taken by Brian Turner who was down as a substitute.

After a largely forgettable first half in which the highlights were Cliff Pointer turning Christopoulos' shot round the post, a Jones header which sailed just over the bar, a talking-to by David Yelland to Billy Rogers, and a booking for Alun Evans, the second half opened the game up with a bizarre own goal.

Steve Woodfin started the game with a cross from the by-line. Bruce James parried Branko Buljevic's header.

Tony Rasmussen swung a wild clearance at the loose ball on the goal line but hit Hormazabal on the thigh and rebounded into the net.

Blacktown coach Rale Basic was fuming after the game, saying that Buljevic had elbowed James in the face before the goal, affecting the keeper's reflexes.

The goal lifted Hellas' game and for the next 10 minutes the visitors were pinned in their own half, forcing Basic to bring on an extra defender, Robert Wheatley, in place of Paul Burrows.

However Wheatley had not touched the ball before the side was 0-2 down.

Stuart Selvage gave away a foul for obstruction on Buljevic and Vince Bannon's free



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING

5

**Close one,
and now
George
to leave**



TOP: Got it! ABOVE: Whoops, it's gone. Vince Bannon's free kick slips through Bruce James' hands. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Maher thwarts Canberra

Canberra 0
Marconi 0



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING

8

the goal-line by Michael O'Shea.

Marconi's coach Paul Blano could be happy with the way his team defended — but unhappy with the way they gave up early dominance gained through solid midfield grafting by players like Henderson and Houseini.

The first half was thoroughly entertaining, with incidents like John O'Shea's diving header just wide of the post from a fine waist-high cross from Duncan Cole and a blistering shot from Maher well to hold.

The crowd of 4,160 witnessed a great spectacle. One could only reflect why the attendance, despite reasonable weather and a big publicity build-up wasn't bigger.

Blano must rate Maher and Henderson his best players while Canberra's coach George Murray must have been thoroughly pleased at the showing of his young, teenaged fullback John Moutopoulos.

Young Moutopoulos, a big strong lad, had a great game. One wonders why he hasn't been trialled for the Australian youth team.

Yet he didn't stop the ball completely and, finally, Ian Gibson had slammed the loose ball back into a pack of red-shirted Marconi defenders, it took the boot of Tony Henderson to clear for the corner.

And in the 71st minute, Maher was once more called open to score brilliantly — this time a long shot from Duncan Cole.

It was an incredible second 45 minutes.

Full marks to Marconi for withstanding the pressure for Canberra ran Marconi ragged.

The PSL's former glamour squad was reduced to the occasional quick break.

Yet from one such break Marconi almost snatched a goal when Eddie Krnecic's flicked header was cleared off.

All played magnificently and gave total commitment.

A great game, but from Canberra's point of view a lost point that could cost it dearly in its bid to stay with the top three or four teams.

IN BRIEF

Connor who had the first chance for the home team after a great move involving Zdenko Kafka. His cross was neatly headed down by Bradley and O'Connor slipped the ball through Kambas's legs before shooting over the bar.

Woodhouse made a great save from Graham Honeyman's header in the 25th minute before the home side came close again: some four minutes later, O'Connor rounded McGregor then crossed into the middle, but the unfortunate Bradley missed the ball from some ten metres away.

With minutes ticking away, O'Connor managed to make some space on the left flank yet again, before crossing for Bradley to hit the crossbar!

Tony Morsello replaced Kafka soon after the interval to add more trust to the Leichhardt forwards. It was soon after that Leichhardt scored. Phil O'Connor made yet another break before crossing for Marshall Soper to head home over the hands of Martyn Crook.

Manchester City have signed Martin O'Neill, the Norwich and Northern Ireland international when the East Anglian bowed for a big fee from Nottingham Forest last season. But it's not a cut and dried move as Norwich want cash for O'Neill as Manchester City still owe them \$1 million as the remainder for Kevin Reeves transfer. The business is likely to go before the League Management Committee.

The British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, is to be president of her home town soccer club Grantham who play in the Soccer League.

Newly promoted Notts County have paid out 100,000 pounds to Irish club Ballymena for their youth international defender Nigel Worthington which makes the 19-year-old the most expensive export from Northern Ireland.

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O'CONNOR BRILLIANT AGAIN

APIA 1
West Adel 0



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING

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West Adel could have gone home with a point against an unfancied West Adelaine.

The visitors threw caution to the wind and decided to go for broke attacking the home team at every opportunity. With this kind of attitude

APIA — Leichhardt scored its fifth home win beating West Adelaine by 1-0, but failed to impress some 3,500 plus crowd at Lambert Park.

In fact the home side had to fight hard to avoid dropping a point against an unfancied West Adelaine.

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PRESENTS

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

	HOME	AWAY	WDL	F	WDL	F	A Gl	Pts
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2. (2) *St Melbourne Hellas	7 2 1 13	7 2 6 1 12 11	25:18	26				
3. (1) Adelaide C. Juventus	7 0 4 18	12 4 3 2 16 10	34:22	25				
4. (6) *APIA-Leichhardt	5 3 1 14	7 4 3 3 12 12	25:19	24				
5. (5) Canberra City	4 4 2 17	8 4 3 3 9	7 26:15	23				
6. (4) Brisbane City	7 2 1 17	4 1 5 4	6 12 23:15	23				
7. (7) Newcastle KB Utd	4 3 3 19	11 5 1 4 11 15	30:26	22				
8. (8) *Brisbane Lions	6 3 1 15	5 0 6 3	9 12 24:17	21				
9. (9) Wollongong	2 6 2 13	12 3 5 3 10	8 23:20	21				
10. (10) *Marconi DATSUN	5 2 3 12	12 3 2 4	5 13 27:25	20				
11. (11) *Sydney Olympic	5 4 1 17	11 1 2 7 12	23 29:34	18				
12. (12) *Heidelberg Alexander	3 2 4 10	11 3 2 5 16 20	26:31	16				
13. (13) Footscray JUST	4 4 2 14	11 1 1 8 5	24 19:35	15				
14. (14) Preston Makedonia	3 4 3 14	11 1 8 8	22 22:33	13				
15. (15) Blacktown City	2 2 5 13	16 1 3 6 11 18	24:34	11				
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas	2 2 5 9	11 1 1 9 8	23 17:34	9				

*Match in hand.

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

BOLAND (3)
(JUST)

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(Heidelberg) (Wollongong) (Canberra) (Wollongong)

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(Syd. City) DUNLEAVY (4)
(Wollongong) BARNES (1)
(Sydney City)

O'CONNOR (4)
(APIA) PATON (2)
(Heidelberg) LUJIC (2)
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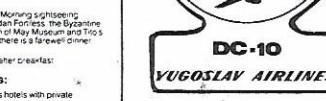
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Cont) WOLLONGONG 0 at St. George Stadium, Wednesday night. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Vardareff (W), 5. Robertson (SC), 4. O'Connor (SC), 3. Bertogna (W), 2. Mullen (SC), 1. Dunleavy (W).

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 at Wollongong Showground. Votes by Krit Werner:

6. Bertogna (W), 5. Dunleavy (W), 4. Ainsworth (W), 3. Reaney (W), 2. Fontana (W), 1. P. Tredinnick (W).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (P. Wilkinson) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (V. Zamorano, Campbell) at Spencer Park. Votes by Brian Waddell:

6. Dunne (BC), 5. Paton (H), 4. McMillan (H), 3. Yezendoorn (H), 2. Ratcliffe (BC), 1. Pimbrett (BC).

SYDNEY CITY 5 (Barresi, Cant, Souness) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Koussas 2, Raskopulos, Jennings) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Souness (SC), 5. Barnes (SC), 4. Jennings (SO), 3. Cant (SC), 2. Koussas (SO), 1. O'Connor (SC).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Ollerton) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Ferris) at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. G. McMillan (Mak), 5. Petrovski (Mak), 4. Niven (BL), 3. Bennett (BL), 2. McNaughton (BL), 1. MacLean (BL).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Hornazabal own goal. V. Bannon) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Jones) at Middle Park. Votes by Dick Prendergast:

6. Rovers (B), 5. Rogers (SM), 4. Selvage (B), 3. Bannon (SM), 2. Davidson (SM), 1. Turner (B).

CANBERRA CITY 0 MARCONI DATSUN 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Maher (M), 5. T. Byrne (Can), 4. McLaren (C), 3. Moutsopoulos (C), 2. Henderson (M), 1. R. O'Shea (C).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyskohus pen) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Cozzella 2, Ilioski) at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Boland (AC), 5. Ljic (JUST), 4. Molta (AC), 3. B. Nyskohus (AC), 2. Villani (AC), 1. Koniaridis (JUST).

APIA LEICHARDT 1 (Soper) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Roger Shearack:

3. Groom (APIA), 5. P. Wilson (APIA), 4. Bozanic (WA), 3. Crook (WA), 2. Bradley (APIA), 1. Soper (APIA). Leaders:

63. Hermonst (BL), 61. Mitchell (AC), 55. T. Byrne (Can), 51. Bennett (BL),

48. Crook (WA), Bertogna (W), 45. O'Connor (APIA), Dunleavy (W), 44. P. Wilson (APIA), Boland (JUST).

43. Evans (SM), 42. Ontong (BL), 40. Ziros (SO), Kosminis (SC).

38. Perin (AC), Top scorers:

9. Boden (SC), 8. Barnes (SC), Mitchell, J. Nyskohus (AC), Ollerton (Mak), P. Wilkinson (BC).

7. Kosminis (SC), Koussas (SO), Christopoulos (SM), Soper (APIA).

Another passenger on the Sydney City bandwagon

The ups and downs of soccer will be highlighted by Sunday's Olympic Park meeting between Heidelberg and Sydney City.

This magnificent 1980 outfit fought out the grand final of the PSL top four competition last year. Heidelberg won and wrote its name indelibly into the record books. There is no such competition this year so the Bergers look like being the holder of the grand final cup for many years to come.

But things change. Especially things at Heidelberg. Once mighty, once proud to the Bergers now face a fight to push up from the lower rungs of the PSL ladder. Reassess their position and status.

But Sydney City is chasing a championship. Come to think of it Eddie Thomson's side always is chasing the championship.

I let my big mouth run away with me earlier this season and tipped Canberra for the title. It probably comes as no surprise to learn that time and space has changed my perspective on the outcome of the 1981 championship race.

The time is recent. As recent as Canberra's crucial dropped points last month.

The space is the extent of Adelaide City's jump up the ladder.

I still can't make my mind up whether to go for Bob D'Ortavio's side for the title or stick with tried and true Sydney City.

I may not be consistent in

my predictions but consistency is a quality I admire in soccer.

I'll jump on the bandwagon of the most consistent side in Australia since the PSL was formed in 1977. I'll go for Sydney City to beat the Bergers. And take off this year's title as well.

Indeed both Sydney City and Heidelberg could share the honour of winning a cup or title in the last year of its competition.

The Philips industries' sponsor of the PSL is up for renegotiation in a few months time. I hate to be pessimistic but I have my doubts about Philips' will to throw its dollars in the direction of our soccer. So Sydney City could be the last club in the land to win the PSL championship as we now know it.

With apologies to South Melbourne Hellas as you can now see I've written you off as a title contender.

But I'm well aware of the full ramifications of my madness.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Firstly I suppose I'll have to pay full price for my drinks in the Hellas restaurant. And I think the exquisite taste of my last free souvlaki will have to be committed to memory.

But I just can't see Hellas winning the title. And Newcastians could drive a hard bargain for the coffin carrying Hellas' title hopes when they meet at the International Sports Centre on Sunday.

KB's recent results suggests that the late run of successes which characterised KB's 1980 PSL performance is about to be repeated.

And Hellas's record in Newcastians isn't anything to cheer about.

I've been saying nice things about Fotocray J.U.S.T. for a couple of weeks. Well, "nice" in comparison with what I usually say about J.U.S.T.

But I'm not so sure Mr Nice Guy if J.U.S.T. can't take a point off Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Aside from another one of my predictions going down the drain if the Brisbane boys win, a loss to J.U.S.T. here could spell disaster because I'm really confident that Preston Makedonia will take at least a point from Sunday's Gabble Stadium foray against Blacktown.

Isaac Farrell is a quality player. Just the tonic the Makedonia midfield needed. Now all that Makedonia requires is for Alan Whittle, Rob Cullen and player-coach Peter O'Leary to hit the target and all the frustration and anger about finishing in the relegation zone can be swept away.

One wonders though how long O'Leary can afford to leave a lethal finisher like Gary Ward out of the line-up.

APIA should beat Wollongong at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Although APIA was soundly beaten 4-1 by Newcastians two weeks ago it easily could have notched another goal or two, especially in the last 20 minutes.

Phil O'Connor is an exciting player. I'd stick an Australian shirt back upon his back before I'd toss it toward a couple of present Socceroos.

Adelaide City faces a giant hurdle when Brisbane Lions looms larger than life at Richlands Stadium on Sunday.

But I've been an admirer of the City side for the past few months. I'm not about to change and although Sydney City's my title tip I'll back the Adelaide lads to keep this year's championship race tight to the final post.

Not many sides get a result against Lions in Brisbane.

As we all know we didn't know who the City import Justin Fashanu would receive a longer suspension than the automatic week he just has served after clashing with Heidelberg's Arthur McMillan two weeks ago.

Fashanu or no Fashanu, Adelaide City can win.

Well I've tossed Canberra over the side of the title boat but George Murray's Maestros won't flounder for long. They should beat Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday.

This should be one hell of a game. Both sides are keen to go forward and are sure to turn on a great spectacle for the enthusiastic Greek fans.

Tony Brennan is having probably his best ever PSL season. His pace and skill will be a large thorn in Olympic's side.

Provided Canberra shows better organisation at the back than it did against West Adelaide two weeks ago the visitors should come away with bonus points.

Speaking of West Adelaide, only Marcon's amazing PSL record against West, eight wins in nine encounters, swayed me to tip Raul Bianco's boys to knock off West at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

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Slickers in a yawn

Sydney City 1
Wollongong 0

By Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 6

And with the provincials in such a negative mood the Slickers were unable to find a solution to the problem which faced them.

They played a 4-3-3 formation throughout a dreary first half. This failed to penetrate the Wollongong defence yet they stuck to it in the second half!

I know it's easy coaching from the grandstand, but if looked as if a 4-2-4 system would have pulled the Wollongong defence out wide and allowed passage through the middle.

But this was not to be and City coach Eddie Thomson got the two points and proved his point!

The goal which decided this terrible game came in the 65th minute when Jim Cant hit one from 20 metres.

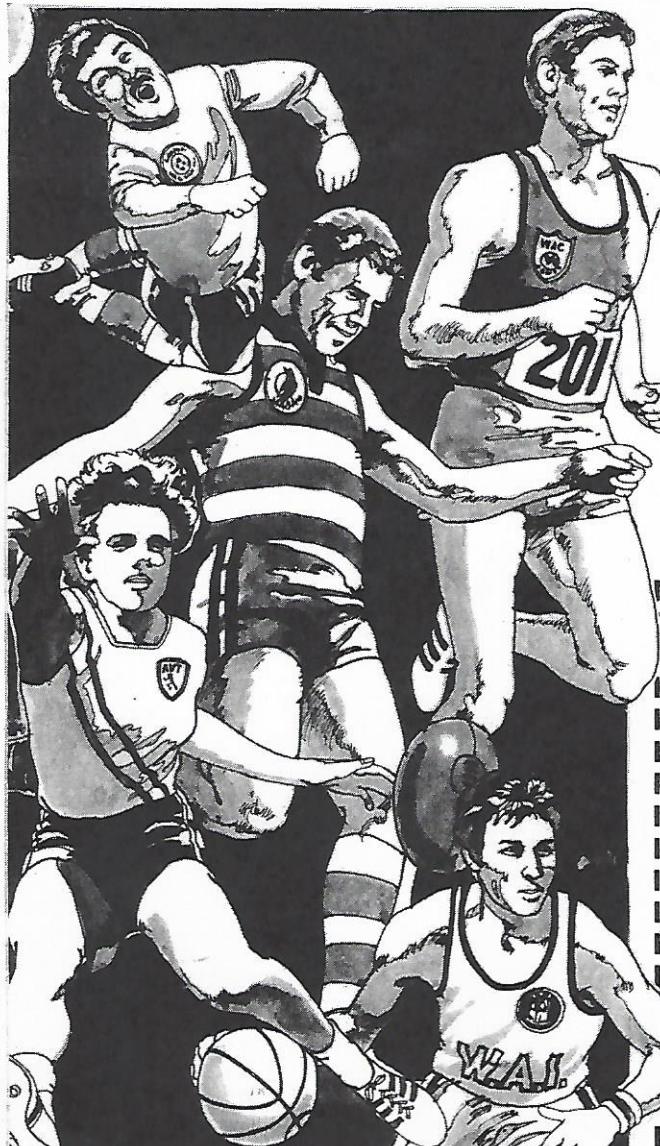
An amazing fact about this Wollongong team was that New Zealand international Clive Campbell was not brought into the action until the 63rd-minute when he replaced John Fleming.

What a waste that was, for Campbell is a highly talented player.

When he did come on he proved to be Wollongong's best player!

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Cranbourne's Tuttill top-class



• Ringwood-Wilhelmina's Bobby Malt kicks clear of hat-trick hero Bobby Toal.

FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan, Egan pen.)
CROYDON 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 — Thomas 7, Adelmann 7, G. Irving 8, F. Irving 8, 7, Leishman 6, Tuck 8, Egan 7, Buchanan 6 (pen), Campbell 6, 65th, Gray 6 (Burroughs H.T. 6).
CROYDON: Keogh 7 — Brown 8, Poncho 6, McCutcheon 7, Hobson 6, Wessell 7, Evans 6 (Wright 67th), Wade 8.

Graham Tuttill made the jump from District Third Divi-

sion to State League look oh so easy against Croydon on Sunday.

Tuttill was brought out here by George Cross earlier this year but went A.W.O.L. and bobbed up with Cranbourne. The Baysiders paid around \$1000 for him last week and he showed that he was worth every penny in his State League debut.

Croydon floundered up front as it had done the previous week against Croatia.

There's no-one to feed off Paul Wade's good work. Wade played a fine lone hand. He came off Bob Adams well, played the ball to his team mates with fine control and was prepared to take on an opponent when that option presented itself.

Kim Wessell showed what he was capable of when taking a more prominent forward role in the last 15 minutes but by then Frankston had done irreparable damage to to



Croydon's hopes of a good result.

It didn't take the locals long to make their mark. Charlie Egan went down the right in the 10th minute, cut inside Gary Hobson and flicked the ball through to Bill Buchanan who drew Sean Keogh and stuck the ball away into the far corner of goal from about 15 metres.

The killer blow came when Tuttill was felled inside the area in the 47th minute. Egan calmly stroked the ball into the corner, low down to Keogh's right.

Frankston showed more grit than in previous weeks and it can go on from here to drive away from the relegation zone.

McLaughlin

**sent off
in draw**



HAKOAH

ANNUAL CLUB

DOVENTON 2
(Irvine, Bentley)
HAKOAH 2
(French, Kent)

DOVENTON: Ivanoff 7 — Thurlow 6, Carter 7, Merrick 7, McConville 7 — Morris 6, Bentley 7, Cherie 8 — McLaughlin (sent off 65th), Irvine 7, Quin 7.

HAKOAH: Fryze 6 — Dosen 8, Jordon 7, Hanneh 7, Rooney 6 — Gadsby 6, McNeil 7, French 6, Bent 8 — Webster 8, McClune 6.

Two distinct halves as Hakoah's sending off highlights the sides' division at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

The Hakoah players played their best after the sending off in the first half after an unusual preparation. Before the match the players played a practice match on another pitch to acclimatise to the muddy conditions. Obviously it helped because Doveton went at Hakoah's break down.

Both were converted by Rob Forsyth.

Anselma scored the third goal with a good individual effort.

THIRD DIVISION

BELL PARK 1 BROADMEADOWS 1

SCORERS: Bell Park: Peter Harman, Brian Stevenson, H. R. Rogerson, J. Munoz, B. Parkin, P. Arman, G. Smileski, B. Pocock, L. Skuzu, R. Pocock, M. Banagan, D. Ortiz, D. Strelak, T. Cuellar, S. Anselma, J. Page, J. Sciolino, A. Acosta, C. Niedjouski, J. Vizzini, C. Preissaki, T. Smits, M. Sacco, A. Zavattini, J. Onelli, A. Belotti, V. J. Sepe.

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ELTHAM 0 CORIO 4

Eltham's return to the winning list was short lived as they crashed 4-0 in the game with Corio at Lower Eltham Park.

Corio adapted to the conditions much better than the home side and the result was never in doubt after the first 10 minutes.

Best Eltham: Raynes, M. Cirka, Beck, Brooks, Corio, Crilly, Reardon, Lindsay, Thompson.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION

CENTRAL CITY 2 MITCHAM 1

CENTRAL: Pantelli, Aristotis, Konstantinou, Miller, Alzina, Eviplidou, Tsachouris 77th, Vasili, Altieri, De Gabriele, Aursani (Nikolaevitch), Iounou, Mitcham: Samtoy, Tomasi, Sinclair, Dobbing, Samtoy, Tomasi (Richardson 79th), Breslin, Munro, McKay, McGowin, Gleghorn.

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But the Doves maintained their unbeaten record thanks to Gordon Bent's precise header in the 87th minute which caught Fryzer transfixing on his line.

Hakoah certainly had a lot to play for. Long serving secretary Kurt Dennis suffered a heart attack the day before this match. He came out of intensive care yesterday (Tuesday).

I join with everyone connected with Hakoah in wishing Kurt a speedy recovery. He is a real identity in Victorian soccer and someone I admire greatly.

It's the loyalty of people like Kurt Dennis which makes soccer such a great game.

AND NOW, KENT AND McCANN

GEORGE CROSS 3
(Toal 3) RINGWOOD 2
(Sinclair 2)

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 6 — Morgan 7, Maitland 7, Wilkinson 7, McKinley 7 — Rigby 7, Bannister 7, Lutley 7, Verners 6 — O'Reilly 7, Mait 6, O'Callaghan 6, Thom 6 — Sinclair 6, Greener 6.

Bobby Toal's hat-trick brought joy to the George Cross supporters and can look forward to even better things to come in the form of overseas players Terry Kent and Hugh McCann, due to arrive tomorrow (Thursday).

McCann, a speedy winger, and Kent, an attacking mid-fielder, should give Cross the attacking flair to continue his campaign for a top four berth.

And defender Johnny Johnstone,

Cross struck first when Toal ran onto a Ray Mizzi through ball and shot. The ball deflected off Les Fearn's legs and in to goal.

But Mike O'Hara misjudged a

Nick to make dream come true

Mornington, in its 19th year of Fourth Division competition, is set to realise a long awaited dream — promotion.

Under player-coach Nick van Egmond, Mornington came back from one goal half time deficit against promotion rival Sunbury last weekend, to record a crucial 2-1 win which sent it two points clear at the top of the ladder.

Nick Egmond has played an integral part in the club's revival after a dismal period of swallowing at the foot of Fourth Division.

Now Mornington is set for success. Against Sunbury on Saturday Mornington levelled after half time thanks to substitute Paul Briscoe who followed up a free kick by Nick van Egmond junior which was dropped by the Sunbury keeper.

Peter Martinovic notched the winner.

FIRST DIVISION

BOX HILL 1 (Lawlor 70 min) WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Segi 26 min, Moore 51 min)

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, Brownlie, Rae, Singleton, Roebuck, Macleod, McLeod 67 min, Moore, Verezchia, Valentine, Darlington, Lutley.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitanidis, Kyriakis, Degis, Lycaropoulos, Glykakalamos, Dimovski 85 min, McCarthy, Segi, Moors, Klarin, Kupic, Theodorakis.

Failure to capitalise on two simple chances in the first half, split disaster for Box Hill in their game against promotion seeking rivals Western Suburbs, at Wembley Park on Saturday.

Playing in treacherous conditions the Hillmen were the territorial masters, but Suburbs twice managed to create something out of nothing, to ake out two valuable points, and move up to second place on the table.

A long speculative lob into Box Hill's penalty area by Eddie Kupic was half cleared by David Singleton, but held up in the mud, and Andy Segi pouncing on the opportunity, gave Graham Morgan no chance with a fierce right foot

drive into the bottom corner of the goal.

The Hillmen fought back with determination but missed a golden opportunity to equalise when Lawler picking up a clearance from a corner rounded Karipatas and shot hard to the keepers left. Mitanidis got a hand to the ball but couldn't hold it, and it fell to Ian Macleod who had followed up well. Unfortunately for the home side, with the goal at his mercy, Macleod could only hammer his left foot drive at the goal, which was deflected by the keeper, and was cleared away.

In the second half, Suburbs came more into the game. The experience of McCarthy and Moore was starting to express itself in the difficult conditions, and with Glykakalamos and Karipatas at the back adopting a "they shall not pass" attitude, the Hillmen's chances were few and far between.

With 10 men, in the 51st minute, Don Brownlie fouled Klarin some 30 yards out, the situation did not look critical. However, the astute Moore realising that the home defence was not properly organised, seized the opportunity to drive a great right foot shot into the corner of the net with the Box Hill players completely at sixes and sevens.

Richmond took charge of midfield in the second half and had the better of play.

Skinner pounced on a goal-mouth scramble in the 63rd minute to put the seal on the home side's victory.

BEST: Austria: Brewerton, Richmond: Young.

SECOND DIVISION

DONCASTER ROVERS 3 ARDEER 0

The return of skipper Alan Copeland and centre back Ian Humble from injury was a great factor in the 3-0 win over Ardeer.

In the second half, Rovers started to put more effort into moving the ball quickly through the mud and it brought results with two penalties when an Ardeer player handled the ball in the area, then Mario Anseline was brought down.

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FOOTBALL 2 BROADMEADOWS 1

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FOOTBALL 4 BROADMEADOWS 1

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FOOTBALL 5 BROADMEADOWS 1

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FOOTBALL 9 BROADMEADOWS 1

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FOOTBALL 12 BROADMEADOWS 1

SCORERS: Broadmeadows: Pantelli, Aristotis, Konstantinou, Miller, Alzina, Eviplidou, Tsachouris 77th, Vasili, Altieri, De Gabriele

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Bye-bye
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ALTONA 1 (Innes pen)
CROATIA 1 (Brogan)

ALTONA: Masseni 6 - P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 9, McKenna 6, Kilpatrick 7 - Watters 9, Cooper 7, Innes 5 - Jones 6, Whyte 8, Mercer 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 8, Kokoska 5, P. Bannon 6, Bilaver 6 (sent off 58th), Andrews 7, Adams 3, Murphy 7 - Mitten 7, Brogan 3, Gilder 7.

Ante Bilaver was sent off in the 58th minute after giving away a penalty which was Altona's second draw in as many league games against Croatia.

Bilaver's exit was nothing new for the aggressive Croatia left back.

But Croatia lifted its game when reduced to 10 men.

Altona should have taken the lead in the second minute when Howard Mercer pointed home a long range ball but rather than carry the ball closer to goal he elected to shoot from too far out and struck the ball wide.

Then Dave Brogan broke down the left, squared to Carl Gilder whose half hit shot deflected off Keith Wilson and went wide.

Just on half time Brogan headed over from point blank range.

Kevin Junes converted from the spot after Bilaver had brought Billy Whittle down in the second half.

Croatia slipped into top gear. Ken Murphy started well, Adam Avary down the left. Adam crossed and Dave Brogan at the near post and his well executed shot on the turn flashed into the bottom far corner in the 6th minute.

The significant feature was Altona's organisation at the back and fight. The relegation battle is far from over and it's too early to write off the import of the year.

Both are small, sharp and effective. Both have a nose for goals and both will be prime targets for PSL scouts in 1982.

One of the features of Frankston's win against Croydon on Sunday was the controlled display of sweeper Robbie Stewart.

Stewart was brought here from Scotland earlier in the year by South Melbourne Hellas along with Jim Shirra. While Shirra made his mark Stewart found himself at a loose end until John Pryde was successful in signing the youngster.

A series of inconsistent performances followed. Stewart seemed unable to settle down. But the master stroke occurred a few weeks ago when he was moved back to sweeper. Since then his confidence has grown, his game has improved dramatically and he looks capable of making his mark in Victorian soccer. Remember Stewart is young and has a long way to go.

He faces probably the stiffest test to date in his new role when he has to provide the cover for Sinclair's marker on Saturday. How effectively Stewart covers will have a major bearing on the outcome of this clash.

If Frankston can curtail the elusive Sinclair he'll win.

I'm suggesting that Sinclair will be held for long periods but I'm tipping the Baysiders to just pin Ringwood on the post.

Doveton's unbeaten league run could come to an end at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday. Ajax could have whipped Northcote by 10 goals last weekend.

Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan always asks for restraint from journalists weighing up this year's championship race. He always reminds me that there's a long way to go but when you look at Ajax's impressive goal difference and its one point lead at the top of the table it's hard to see it being knocked off top perch.

Doveton has lived up to the highest hopes of its committee and supporters in its first taste of the State League.

If Ajax topples the Doves on Sunday it will be the end of a magnificent, consistent team effort, a credit to Doveton's playing and coaching staff and the basis of a successful history of State League competition. And there's no pride lost to lose to Ajax on its home territory.

Sunshine's hopes of a top four berth have faded in recent weeks. These hopes could

be dashed if they can't beat Sunshine on Sunday.

Progressive votes:
17 - French (H)
15 - P. Bannon (C)
14 - Cannell (GGA), G. Bannon (GC)

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DOSEN (Hakoah)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	STEWART (F'ton)	MOROVIC (S'shine)
MCIVOR (D'ton)	WATTERS (Altona)	LAING (S'shine)	
SINCLAIR (R'wood)	MCLEOD (Ajax)	TOAL (G. Cross)	

Who needs Morrey, Bennett, Wallace and Cannell?

Bill Morrey, Alan Bennett and Gordon Wallace were out serving a one week suspension after accumulating too many cautionary points.

78th Greechan crosses McLeod outjumps everyone, stretches over the top of Tachiris and heads home

The makeshift Ajax side seemed to cope rather well though with big Gus McLeod leading the onslaught.

13th minute: Paul Lewis (yet another newcomer) broke down the right and hammered the ball across. Alex Nelson deflected the ball into his own goal when trying to clear.

57th: A great solo run by John Gardiner looks to have ended as "Rocky" Tachiris forced him wide. In a flash Gardiner backheels the ball into Kevin Wall's path. He hammers home into the empty goal.

62nd: Kit Greechan set up McLeod who looks to have overrun the ball. Somehow the barging, bustling Ajax striker manages to backheel across the goal line.

68th: A really super moment. The ball is crossed. McLeod rises near the edge of the area. His jack-knife head meets the ball at precisely the right moment. The ball

vanishes completely if Croatia beats the Shiners at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Croatia is smarting from its draw with Altona. Ante Bilaver will serve his automatic one week suspension after being sent-off at Kim Reserve.

Maybe Croatia should use 10 men against Sunshine.

It was reduced to 10 men against Frankston and Altona in recent weeks. Faced with an uphill battle the players stepped into top gear and took the fight to the opposition on both occasions.

There has been speculation about Croatia's coaching post for some time. As I understand it, Paddy Bannon should get committee support to take the job on a more permanent basis but Bannon is undecided. Fred Bunyan has been interviewed and could get the job if Bannon doesn't give a firm undertaking to look after the first team for the remaining 10 league games.

But Croatia should hit the winning trail again on Sunday.

Hakoah can beat George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday.

The heartless, hapless Hakoah side which was beaten by Cross earlier in the season is a far cry from the current outfit which is playing with a level of commitment rarely sighted in recent years.

The clash between Bobby Toal and George Hannah should be a match highlight.

Both are State League newcomers. While Toal has hit the goal trail Hannah has notched up an impressive list of stoppers who have fallen victim to his tight marking.

I don't know why I'm going for Croydon to beat Altona at Croydon Park on Sunday.

No Loughnane at Croydon? That was the question bandied around the Frankston clubbers after Croydon's inept display last weekend.

I think Juventus and Northcote will finish on even terms at Gillon Oval on Sunday.

There's not much between these sides. Actually it's a remember-the-good-old-days game with so many former Footscray J.U.S.T. players on display.

Most of them have seen better times. Mendo Ristovski, Jim Kriaris, Mirko Rujevic, Dragos Vasic and Chris Petrov aren't finding State League life a particularly rewarding experience.

FRANKSTON v Ringwood at Centenary Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

CROYDON v Altona at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Sunshine at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v Northcote (draw) at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

HAKOAH v George Cross at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

AJAX v Doveton at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Egan and Sinclair vie for top spot

Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE



While Frankston's Charlie Egan has had rave reviews another State League import, Ringwood's Brian Sinclair, slipped into the scene unheralded but within a few weeks has shown that he is a serious contender for Egan's mantle as the import of the year.

Comparisons of these two dynamos will be made easier when Frankston and Altona in next week's fixture will be played at Centenary Park on Saturday.

Both are small, sharp and effective. Both have a nose for goals and both will be prime targets for PSL scouts in 1982.

One of the features of Frankston's win against Croydon on Sunday was the controlled display of sweeper Robbie Stewart.

Stewart was brought here from Scotland earlier in the year by South Melbourne Hellas along with Jim Shirra. While Shirra made his mark Stewart found himself at a loose end until John Pryde was successful in signing the youngster.

A series of inconsistent performances followed. Stewart seemed unable to settle down. But the master stroke occurred a few weeks ago when he was moved back to sweeper. Since then his confidence has grown, his game has improved dramatically and he looks capable of making his mark in Victorian soccer. Remember Stewart is young and has a long way to go.

He faces probably the stiffest test to date in his new role when he has to provide the cover for Sinclair's marker on Saturday. How effectively Stewart covers will have a major bearing on the outcome of this clash.

If Frankston can curtail the elusive Sinclair he'll win.

I'm suggesting that Sinclair will be held for long periods but I'm tipping the Baysiders to just pin Ringwood on the post.

Doveton's unbeaten league run could come to an end at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday. Ajax could have whipped Northcote by 10 goals last weekend.

Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan always asks for restraint from journalists weighing up this year's championship race. He always reminds me that there's a long way to go but when you look at Ajax's impressive goal difference and its one point lead at the top of the table it's hard to see it being knocked off top perch.

Doveton has lived up to the highest hopes of its committee and supporters in its first taste of the State League.

If Ajax topples the Doves on Sunday it will be the end of a magnificent, consistent team effort, a credit to Doveton's playing and coaching staff and the basis of a successful history of State League competition. And there's no pride lost to lose to Ajax on its home territory.

Sunshine's hopes of a top four berth have faded in recent weeks. These hopes could

be dashed if they can't beat Sunshine on Sunday.

Progressive votes:
17 - French (H)
15 - P. Bannon (C)
14 - Cannell (GGA), G. Bannon (GC)

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12 - McLeod (GGA)

11 - Egan (F)

10 - I. Loughnane (Croy)

8 - Mitten (C), Toal (GC)

7 - Cannell (GGA)

6 - St. Stewart (F)

5 - Wade (Croy)

4 - Tutil (F)

3 - Toal (GC)

2 - Sinclair (R)

1 - Luyten (R)

GEORGE CROSS v RINGWOOD

3 - Toal (GC)

2 - Cannell (GGA)

1 - Greechan (GGA)

0 - St. Stewart (F)

0 - Sinclair (R)

0 - Luyten (R)

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NEW PSL BADGES

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing, on behalf of the Philips Soccer League, has officially released its 16 new League team badges.

The badges were designed to enable League clubs to launch into the licensed merchandise industry and provide manufacturers the opportunity to run sales promotion campaigns related to the League clubs.

John Clark, marketing manager for Australian Soccer Federation Marketing said:

"The team badges will form the basis of a major licensing programme over the next decade. Manufacturers are now able to take up license rights to the range of League badges to reproduce on merchandise ranging from clothing, stickers, toys, games, puzzles, supporters gear, nightwear, bed linen, stationery, confectionery, soccer merchandise and a plethora of other goods and services."

"Sales operation for non-retail sales has already been set up that will accept direct orders from the individual clubs of manufacturer merchandise bearing their team badges. A number of licences have already been granted and the first merchandise will commence appearing in approximately six weeks time."

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THE PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE CLUB BADGES



Slobodinski shows how at Hakoah

The under 11s at Hakoah (Vic) are benefiting from the knowledge and care with the highest of credentials.

He is Alex Slobodinski, 34, former coach of the Ukraine under 18 representative team in the USSR.

Slobodinski played as a forward for top Soviet club Lokomotiv Moscow before coming to Australia five years ago.

In the USSR he gained a diploma of soccer coaching and a physical education diploma.

But he will have to do a course at Box Hill College next year before his teaching qualifications are recognised by the Education Department.

Slobodinski played a few games for Hakoah when he arrived from the USSR but was forced to stop because he worked long hours to earn the money to get his family established in their new country.

He took up refereeing and officiated as a Second Grade referee for two years.

Then he coached juniors at Hakoah before joining Hakoah.

But the Victoria Soccer Federation turned him down when he applied for the job as coach of one of the junior State teams.

One wonders what level of expertise the VSF is looking for — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Junior of the week



Leigh Shearn (pictured) is in his third season with Karingal, starting at under-7 and playing his way through to the under-9s.

He is a very skilful player, very dedicated and a great team man.

So far this season he has scored 10 goals from eight games, including two hat tricks. With his natural skills, there seems to be no limit to how far he will go in the future.

Leigh is our Buffalo sports junior of the week.

U.S. ideas win only .0017% of market

By PAUL MOON

When ASF Marketing Ltd was formed the organisation's supremo, Rik Booth cited the North American Soccer League as an example the PSL should strive to emulate.

It is appropriate therefore to take a closer look at the NASL and its relevance to the PSL, particularly in respect of contentious innovations like nicknames, indoor and summer soccer.

NICKNAMES:

Firstly it must be stressed that Cosmos, Rowdies and Strikers are as much part of the official history of the New York, Tampa Bay and Fort Lauderdale clubs as United, City and Hotspurs are to the Manchester, Birmingham and Tottenham-based outfits, so they cannot be termed "nicknames" in the Australian sense.

Colorful titles have been part of the North American sports scene since last century and were around when marketing was the domain of cabbage growers and cattle farmers.

The NASL then merely copied baseball, gridiron football, ice hockey and basketball.

As all clubs were built from scratch, the owners christened their franchises exactly as they wished. In contrast the PSL members, with the exceptions of Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong, are based upon long-established set-ups with their own cherished names.

Ironically, although the NASL does not encourage ethnic names, they are tolerated as where economics demand.

Professional soccer in Toronto would not have been viable without the support of the city's Croatian population. Toronto Metros - Croatia were members until 1979.

Even today the Los Angeles Aztecs belong almost exclusively to the Mexican community!

It is interesting to note that the PSL nicknames owe most to the National Football League (gridiron) which has Lions (Detroit), Rams (Los Angeles), Giants (New York), Raiders (Oakland) and Eagles (Philadelphia) in membership, while Footy Landmarks Strikers are the only NASL team to share their name with an American counterpart.

Naturally some PSL clubs are resentful, having been saddled with unwanted subtitles.

If Marconi players had stepped onto the pitch for the opening game of sime 1981 season with a new badge depicting a leopard boldly displayed on their shirts, and had the Press subtly dropped the term "Leopards" into match reports, the nickname probably would have been happily embraced by the club, as would other PSL classes had they been introduced in like manner.

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But if club members wish to retain their original titles, why not let them? A compromise, incorporating the traditional

What is the players' attitude to those few afternoon games though?

"They respect them," he confirmed.

"We play in the afternoon only when一线 schedules demand, or an evening kick-off coincides with another popular event. These games have to be treated as an occasional occupational hazard."

Have you experienced any problems such as heat exhaustion?

"Not at the Whitecaps. Other clubs haven't been so lucky, although I can't quote names. Generally we are able to overcome potential problems by talking to the players. All the players take a couple of salt pills to prevent dehydration and we take full advantage of the 15-minute ruling enabling us to use three substitutions per match. Also afternoon games are invariably played at a slower pace - not the type of soccer we try to promote in Vancouver."

The North American experience indicates that only the use of floodlighting would make summer soccer a viable proposition in Australia.

A national floodlit league would hold exciting possibilities, particularly as it would have little direct competition, while the St. Louis Shield adopts the Kerry Packer white ball underlights treatment, which appears unlikely.

Before the PSL decided it wishes to establish itself as an Antipodean copy of the NASL, it should ask itself: Just how successful is the American competition?

Of the 18 clubs that contested the 1977 NASL, five have gone out of existence. In the PSL the casualty list over the same period is just two (Mooroolbark and Western Suburbs).

No fewer than eight of the 1980 NASL members had average attendances of less than 10,000.

Thus the league's most popular club is the Cosmos, who attracted an average of 42,804 to their home games. It must be remembered though that under the NASL's franchise system Cosmos have sole access to the 25 million citizens of New York and New Jersey states.

Cosmos therefore attracted a meagre 0.0017% of the population within their allocated area!

If the Melbourne PSL clubs "enjoyed" the same drawing power they would average 1,551 spectators - between the four of them.

Very few NASL clubs make money and even Cosmos survive only due to the extreme generosity of their owners Warner Communications.

Where the NASL has succeeded is in elevating soccer to its highest ever point in the American consciousness, brought the game out of isolated, decrepit grounds and into ultramodern stadiums, enabled the U.S. national team to be comprised of fully-fledged professionals and not the naive, outclassed amateurs of former years and, most importantly, inspired the increased boom taking place in American junior soccer.

The foundation has been laid for a bright future. Many years and dollars will be spent before the US becomes a real force in world soccer, though. How much time and money can Australia afford in order to implement a similar programme?

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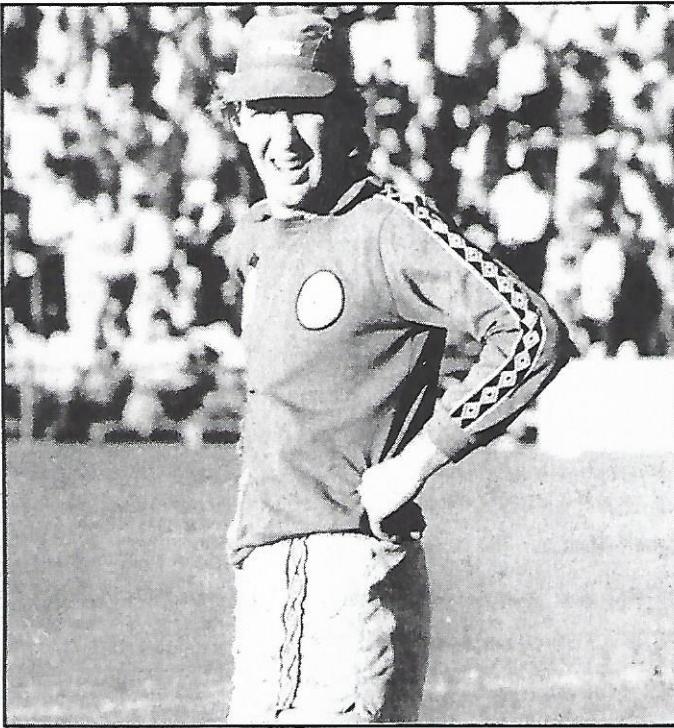
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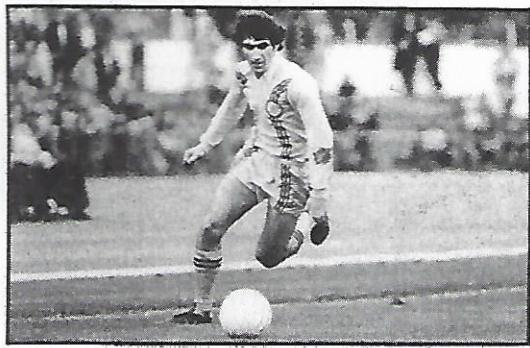
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